

They are true public servants who've kept us safe and secure, and I thank them. I don't know where I'll be going in retirement, but I look forward to seeing them on the way there.

HONORING VENANCIO CHAVEZ

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the exceptional advocacy and service of community leader Venancio Chavez.

Born on May 18, 1962, in Hidalgo, Mexico, Mr. Chavez immigrated to Santa Ana, California, in 1986, where he soon became a community leader and advocate for educational equity in the Santa Ana Unified School District.

Mr. Chavez advocacy work was conducted through his membership with several Parent Teacher Associations (PTAs). As president of Garfield Elementary's PTA from 1995 to 1998, he worked for better safety and quality of life for the students and parents. He helped plant hedges that served a safety barrier and he also established a community garden.

His leadership continued as a member of the Villa Fundamental Junior High School PTA from 2001 to 2004. During this time, he advocated for equal opportunities for disadvantaged and disabled students. His advocacy led to the creation of the lottery system for incoming students for all fundamental high schools in the City of Santa Ana.

As PTA President at Century High School from 2004 to 2008, he increased parent attendance at PTA meetings by inspiring them to become more involved on campus. Additionally, he spearheaded efforts to create community yard sales to fundraise for the PTA. These efforts afforded the school a lighted marquee to provide seamless communication with parents.

One of his most lasting legacies is the founding of El Sol Science and Arts Academy, which opened in Santa Ana in 2001 with 1,000 students in preschool through eighth grade. El Sol Academy is a leading dual-immersion public charter school that offers an intensive academic instructional program that prepares students for high school and beyond. His goal of providing greater access to high education for Santa Ana's low-income families has been realized as El Sol students have gone on to attend the top colleges and universities throughout our nation.

Mr. Chavez continued his advocacy work with Orange Coast College as President of the school's Extended Opportunity and Services Program. In this position, Mr. Chavez endeavored to bring inclusivity within higher education by fostering community ties through campus engagement and provide students with equitable resources. Student and family engagement increased due to his efforts.

In 2012, Venancio Chavez graduated from Orange Coast College with his Associates degree, with a certificate in Special Education, and he later earned his certificate to become a veterinarian assistant. Mr. Chavez is a volunteer food distributor with Saddleback Church. He also supports the Ebelle Club of Santa Ana and has dedicated more than 25 years of service to the French Park Plaza Homeowners' Association Board of Directors.

Venancio Chavez is a dedicated man who strives to assist anyone who may need help. Through his advocacy and dedication to public service, Mr. Chavez has uplifted his local community and helped improve equity and access to higher education for school children in the City of Santa Ana.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the exceptional advocacy and service of community leader Venancio Chavez.

HONORING THE CAREER OF SHARI BUSH

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of Shari Bush and congratulate her on her well-deserved retirement.

Shari is retiring after 21 years at Cypress Bay High School in Weston.

As the BRACE Advisor, Shari was instrumental in helping hundreds of students get accepted to some of the top schools in the country.

She was an invaluable source of higher education guidance for my own children.

Cypress Bay High School has 4,800 students, and 98 percent of them are on track for college.

Shari plays a huge role in that.

Shari is an expert in advising students to apply for scholarships, financial aid, and coach them through all of the stages of college application process, including what schools to apply to, filling out applications, writing essays, testing, and making those critical final decisions.

She traveled to universities throughout the U.S. and abroad and has been hosted at more than 50 college campuses.

Currently, Shari is a member of the Advisory Board for the University of Miami and Florida State University and is a member of the FBI Citizens Academy.

I wish Shari all the best as she moves into the next chapter of her life.

TRUTH CAN PREVAIL

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I was grateful today to attend a presentation by Alex Epstein on Energy Opportunity where he fulfilled the introduction of being an "energy expert and philosopher, specializing in how to persuade people to see the truth about energy."

His message was a courageous clarion call of sanity in the midst of energy policy insanity.

Alex is author of two of the best-selling energy books of the last decade: *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels* and *Fossil Future: Why Global Human Flourishing Requires More Oil, Coal, and Natural Gas—Not Less*.

The presentation was highlighted by common sense, real world, easily understood, thoughtful talking points such as "if Europe's

level of dependence on Russia for natural gas scares you, know this America is even more dependent on China" for components replacing fossil fuels.

His explanation of the lessons on energy policies not only revealed the fallacies of failed policies, but he offers positive solutions confirming being environmentally conscious.

Alex Epstein is a vital resource for Americans who understand the need for energy independence for jobs, national security, and fiscal sanity for American families.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF KATHY MOFFAT

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the exemplary life of Kathy Moffat. Born and raised in Lincoln, Nebraska, Kathy Moffat has lived her life leading with knowledge, experience, and community connection while serving the City of Orange, California, as an Orange Unified School District (OUSD) Trustee.

In her early years, she attended the University of Nebraska where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education. After completing her higher education, she went on to pursue teaching education to the younger generation. She taught upper elementary grades for eight years in the states of Nebraska, Maryland, and Kansas before moving to California.

Kathy and her husband, Duncan, are parents of three grown children, who were all educated in OUSD K–12th grades, and grandparents of seven amazing grandchildren.

Devoted to education and to parent involvement, Kathy has served as a PTA member and leader on the local, state, and national levels for more than 35 years.

Kathy was first elected to the OUSD Board in 2001 in a recall election and then elected to a full term in 2002. She continued to serve on the board for nearly 22 years and has notably been re-elected 5 times.

Moffat's backing of strong academics has resulted in more student access and participation in Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) classes. Under Kathy's leadership, the district also started providing SAT testing to all interested high school students to decrease the financial burden on families in the City of Orange.

Kathy's community leadership roles include President of the Orange YMCA, Director on the Orange County School Boards Association, Director of the Leadership Orange Program of the Orange Chamber of Commerce, the Orange County Committee on School District Organization, and as an active member of her church.

Recent educational challenges have required dedicated leadership and strong guidance. Due to her impressive background and track record, Kathy Moffat has certainly met those challenges.

A champion of education, she has been a tireless advocate for the students and frequently visits school sites to support those in need. She is said to be one of the best friends' public educations has ever had.

Madam Speaker, it is my great privilege to honor this humble, hard-working woman. It is leaders like Kathy Moffat, who help make our country great by serving as role models to our children and to our communities.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DANIEL T. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, on December 8, 2022 I missed Roll Call Vote 515. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 515.

HONORING THE CAREER OF MICHAEL PUTNEY

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the illustrious career of Michael Putney, and congratulate him on his well-deserved retirement.

A veteran of the airwaves for more than half a century, Michael Putney's 33-year tenure at Local 10 News made him one of South Florida's most popular and trusted TV reporters.

Michael began his career in broadcast journalism in 1966 in Columbia, Missouri. After stops in Washington D.C., Los Angeles and New York, he came to South Florida and made it his home.

Throughout my own career in public office, there have been many changes in the ever-evolving media landscape, but Michael has been the one dependable constant.

Another certainty for any elected official was that, at some point, you would have to answer the tough but fair questions from "Putney."

Michael was doggedly devoted to accountability throughout his tenure at WPLG and our community is far better as a result that work.

Michael's superior reporting skills won him two Emmys. And the state Supreme Court saw fit to appoint him to Florida's Judicial Management Council.

I hope Michael and his wife enjoy their time together doing some of his favorite things: cooking, reading, tennis and traveling.

I will miss him in the press gaggles, and in the studio, but I wish him all the best as he begins the next, relaxing chapter of his life.

HONORING THE EXTRAORDINARY CAREER OF COACH ART VENEGAS

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary career of Coach Art Venegas.

Coach Venegas is regarded as the premier collegiate women and men's throwing coach in the Nation and is world-renowned for his coaching expertise with elite world champion athletes.

Born in Tepic, Mexico, Venegas moved to California when he was age 11. He entered the world of track and field while attending St. Genevieve High School in Panorama City, where he was a shot put and discus performer.

Following his 1970 high school graduation, Venegas became a standout at Cal State Northridge, where he was a four-year letterman in the hammer throw and earned Division II All-America honors in 1974.

Prior to his legendary career at UCLA, Venegas coached at Long Beach State (1980 to 81) and at his alma mater, Cal State Northridge (1976 to 79). At Long Beach State, Venegas coached Bill Green, hammer thrower and former U.S. record-holder (255-0), who placed fifth at the 1984 Olympics. He also coached 1984 Olympic Trials shot put finalist Mike Smith (64-10).

As an assistant, and later, as head coach at UCLA, his efforts contributed to 21 consecutive wins against the University of Southern California. He also led the UCLA Women's Indoor Track and Field team to its first National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) title in 2000, and to a consecutive NCAA title in 2001.

After 31 years of coaching at UCLA, Venegas contributed his time and talents to training the nation's top throwers at the Olympic Training Center in Chula Vista, California.

Additionally, because of his expertise on throwing, he is a sought-after speaker and has delivered remarks to the 11th World Congress of the International Track and Field Coaches Association in Barcelona, Spain. In 1987, he

was the featured speaker at the International Amateur Athletic Federation European Coaching Congress. He has also worked with the British and Spanish national teams.

In recognition of his extraordinary career, Coach Venegas was inducted into the United States Track and Field Cross Country Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2022.

Outside of work, Art Venegas is an honorable man who takes great pride in Hispanic Heritage. He is always willing to help younger coaches new to the game and especially see other minorities through the coaching ranks.

He is devoted to his wife, the former Marlene Estrada, and their two children, Jessica and Yvette.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in acknowledging the long career and accomplishments of Hall of Fame Coach Art Venegas.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, December 15, 2022 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

DECEMBER 19

3:30 p.m.

Committee on Rules and Administration

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the U.S. Capitol Police.

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